THE

Covenant

To be the

LORD'S PEOPLE,

AND TO

Walk after the LORD.

Sign'd by the

CHURCH of CHRIST.

Meeting at

Horſly-Down in *Southwark.*

Deut. 29. 1. With 2 Chron. 23.16. & 34,31.

Theſe are the Words of the Covenant which the Lord Commanded, to be the Lord's People, *and to* Walk after the Lord, *and to* keep *his Commandments, and his Teſtimonies, and his Statutes, with the* whole *heart, and with the* whole *ſoul, and to* perform *the* words *of the Covenant which are* written *in this Book.*

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In *the* Name, Spirit *and* Power *of our Lord* JESUS CHRIST:

1 *Cor.* 5, 4.

WE, an escaped Remnant of poor Sinners of the Gentiles, knit as *one* Man, and assembled together in *one* Place, to Renew Covenant with the Lord, and to lament after him in this Day of Trouble, Rebuke and Blasphemy; Do before *God*, *Angels* and *Men*, most solemnly confess, bewail, and loath our Selves for our *Apostacy* from God in *Adam*, and for *all* our abominable revoltings in *Heart* and *Life*, as well *before*, as *since* the time of Love and Life came, wherein we tasted that the Lord is gracious: *Especially* do we judge our selves, for that there have been found with us, those great Evils of *offering* unto the Lord strange Fire (Worship which he commanded not) Of *Marrying* strangers to God and his Covenant; and of *dealing treacherously* with God in his Covenant, to follow after lying Vanities; For these, and *all* our innumerable evils, we abhor our selves before the Lord, as in Dust and Ashes, Acknowledging him to be just in *all* that is brought upon us,

Isa. 37. 31.
Judg. 20. 1, 11.
1 *Cor.* 14. 23.
Deut. 29. 1.
1 *Sam.* 7. 2.
Isa. 37. 3.
1 *Cor.* 4. 9.
Nehem. 9. 2.
Ezek. 36. 31.
Rom 5. 12.
Jer. 5. 23.
Ezek. 16. 6, 8.
1 *Pet.* 2. 3.

1 *Cor.* 11. 31.
Levit. 10. 3.
Jer. 7. 31.
Ezra 9. 10, 15.
Neh. 13. 23, 27
Mal. 2. 11, 12.
Hosea 6. 7.
Jonah 2. 8.

Psal. 40. 12.
Job 42. 6.
Neh. 9. 33.

us, for he hath done right, but we have done wickedly: Yet mourn we not as thoſe without hope, but underſtanding the Loving-kindneſs of the Lord, that he yet invites us to return to him, we take with us words, and cry to him, Art thou not our Father, the guide of our Youth? Take away *all* iniquity, and receive us graciouſly, ſo will we render thee the calves of our Lips: Thus by *Faith* do we look again unto the Holy Temple, and having diligently ſearched leſt *any one* of us fail of the Grace of God, that there be *no* root of bitterneſs ſpringing up in us, to trouble us, and that there be no Fornicatour, or profane Perſon as *Eſau*: As a People prepared for the Lord, we caſt away *all* our deteſtable things; And with *one* heart, in *one* way which God hath given us for our good, and of our *children* after us; We do ſtand this day *all* of us before the Lord our God, the Searcher of Hearts, *We*, our *Elders*, and *Deacons*, and our *little ones* which the Lord hath given us, that we ſhould again enter into *Covenant* with the Lord our God, and into his *Oath* which the Lord our God maketh with us this day, that he may eſtabliſh us to day for a People unto himſelf, and *our ſeed* with us, and not here with us this day; that he may be unto us a *God*, as he hath *ſaid* to us, and as he hath *ſworn* unto our Fathers, to *Abraham*, to *Iſaac*, and to

1 *Theſſ.* 4. 13.
Pſal. 107. 43.
Jer. 3. 1, 5.
Hoſea 14. 1, 2.
Jonah 2. 4.
Heb. 12. 15, 16
Deut. 29. 18.
Luke 1. 17.
Ezek. 11. 18, 19
Jer. 32. 39.
Deu. 29. 11, 15
Jer. 17. 10.
Gal. 3. 7. 6, 14, 29. & 4. 28.

to *Jacob*, whoſe children we are, and heirs with them according to the Promiſe by Faith in Jeſus Chriſt; *Iſa.* 44. 5.

We do make a Covenant with the Lord by Sacrifice, giving up our ſelves, and our *Offſpring* with us, unto the Lord, and unto each other by the Will of God, to offer up ſpiritual Sacrifices acceptable to God by Jeſus Chriſt, to be built up a ſpiritual houſe, or *Church* of the Living God, to ſhew forth his Praiſe, and give Glory to him in this preſent evil World. *Pſal.* 50. 5. 2 *Cor.* 8. 5. *Iſa.* 65. 23. 1 *Pet.* 2. 5. *Epheſ.* 2. 22. 1 *Tim.* 3. 15. *Iſa.* 43. 21. *Epheſ.* 3. 21.

Now that we may keep this our Covenant and do it, we *write* it in our ſight, and by *Name* expreſs unto what we Covenant, of which this is the *Sum*; *Neh.* 9. 38. *Ezek.* 43. 11. *Heb.* 8. 1.

To Avouch *Jehovah* alone for our GOD.
To chuſe the *Written Word* for our Only Rule;
To walk blameleſs in all the *Ordinances* of the Lord:
To Diſcharge our ſeveral *Relative* Duties.

Firſt. We do thro' the help of the Spirit, by *Covenant*, ſtand to our Baptiſm (tho' not ſo regularly adminiſtred) into the Name of the Living and True God, whoſe Name alone is *Jehovah*, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, theſe *Three*, The *Lord*, our *God*, the *Lord* being *One* 2 *Cor.* 3. 5. 2 *Chr.* 30. 18, 20. & 34. 32. *Pſal.* 83. 18. *Matth.* 28. 19. *Deut.* 6. 4.

Psalm 96. 5.
Deut. 26. 17. & 4. 37.
Matth. 12.30.
Deut. 10. 20.
2 *Cor.* 1. 2, 3.
1 *Tim.* 3. 15. & 2. 5.
Jer. 23. 6.
Phil. 3. 8, 9.
1 *Cor.* 1. 30.
Gal. 3. 10, 13.
Matth. 1. 21.
2 *Tim.* 4. 18.
Acts 23. 6.
2 *Thess.* 2. 1.
2 *Tim.* 4. 18.

One Lord, all other Gods being Idols: This God alone we do solemnly Avouch for a God and Father to us and our *Seed*, to Love him with *all* our heart, and with *all* our soul, and with *all* our mind, and with *all* our strength, and to cleave to him for ever as our God and Father in our Lord Jesus Christ, *God-Man*, the *One* Mediator between God and Men, *Jehovah our Righteousness*, counting all our own Righteousness as Loss and Dung, trusting to him *only* for Justification, Sanctification, and compleat Salvation from the Curse of God's Law, *all* our Sins, and *all* evils whatsoever; having hope of the Resurrection of the Body, and of coming *to*, and standing *with* him in Judgment, fully expecting preservation to his heavenly Kingdom, to whom be Glory for ever, and ever, *Amen*.

2 *Cor.* 3. 5.
Psal. 119, 30.
Gal. 6. 16.
Col. 2. 5.
Ephes. 2. 20.
Rev. 14. 1. & 15. 3
1 *Tim.* 5. 21.
Mal. 2. 9.
Prov. 30. 5.
Psal. 119. 128.

Secondly. We do, through the Help of the Spirit, by *Covenant* chuse *all* the Written Word of God to be our *only* Rule for *Faith*, and *Order*, so building upon the Foundation of the *Apostles* and *Prophets*, and on this Mount *Sion*, singing the Song of *Moses* and the *Lamb*; We shall not prefer *one* part of the Word by partiallity to *another*, but esteeming *every* Word of God to be pure, and *all* the Precepts concerning *all* things to be right, and *nothing* to

to be refus'd; We ſhall take *whatſoever* is written therein for our Learning, Reproof, Correction, and Inſtruction in Righteouſneſs, as *throughly* furniſhing us to *all* good Works; Therefore do we hate the *Apocrypha*, and *all* additions of Men whatſoever, to this our *only* Rule; yet not accounting that we have *already* attained, or are *already* perfect, we will reach forth to thoſe things which are before, by the Light of the Word waiting for the teachings of the Spirit of Truth, to lead us into *all* Truth, in a diligent comparing Scripture with Scripture, till the light thereof ſhine more and more unto the perfect day.

Rom. 15. 4.
2 *Tim.* 3. 15, 17
Pſal. 119. 104. 128.
Rev. 22. 18.
Phil. 3. 12, 13.
Pſal. 119. 105.
Iſa. 8. 20.
John 16. 13.
1 *Cor.* 2. 13.
Prov. 4. 18.

Thirdly, We do thro' the help of the Spirit, *Covenant* to walk blameleſs in *all the Ordinances* which the Lord Jeſus Chriſt hath given to his Churches, both *General* and *Special* in their appointed ſeaſons.

2 *Cor.* 3. 5.
2 *Chr.* 34. 31.
Luke 1. 6.
typify'd.
Eze. 40. 39. 43. & 46. 3.

1*ſt.* We ſhall every *Firſt day* of the Week, being the *Lord's Day*, wait upon God in the *general* Ordinances of *Praiſe*, *Prayer*, *Preaching*, and *Contribution* to be diſpens'd to all.

1 *Cor.* 16. 2.
Rev. 1. 10.
Pſal. 150. 6.
1 *Tim.* 2. 1.
Eph. 3. 8.
Gal. 6. 6.

Praiſing God by ſinging *Scripture* Pſalms, Hymns, Spiritual Songs and *no* other.

2 *Chr.* 29. 30.
Epheſ. 5. 19.

Rom. 8. 26. *Col.* 2. 20. *Praying* to God in and by the *Spirit*, without the Forms or Rudiments of Men.

1 *Cor.* 4. 15, 16. & 12. 28. 1 *Tim.* 6. 3. *Preaching* by our Paſtour, with *helps* appointed in the Word, to inſtruct us according to *our* form of ſound words.

1 *Cor.* 16. 1, 2. *Heb.* 13. 16. *Laying by us in ſtore*, as God proſpers us, that we may be ready for *Contribution* on *all* Occaſions offer'd.

Iſa. 66. 23. *Ezek.* 47. 12. 2*dly*, We ſhall (according to the *Months*) attend upon God in the *ſpecial* Ordinances,

1 *Cor.* 4. 1. *Typify'd.* *Eze.* 46. 19, 24.

Baptiſm, And the **Lord's Supper.** } The *Seals* of the *Church* (commonly call'd *Sacraments*) to be adminiſtred to us *only* by our own *Paſtour*.

Matth. 16. 19. *John* 20. 23. *Rev.* 3. 7.

Fellowſhip And **Cenſure.** } The *Keys* of the Church to be exercis'd by our own *Elders*.

1 *Cor.* 10. 1. 2. *with Pſ* 77. 17. *Iſa.* 52. 15. *with Matt.* 28. 19, 20. *Acts* 2. 39, 41. 1 *Cor.* 7. 14. & 12. 13. *with Gal.* 3. 27 1 *Pet.* 3. 21. *with* 1. 3. *Baptiſm* to be adminiſtred to us, and to all our immediate Infant-Seed, by *ſprinkling* or *pouring* only Water on the Face, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; Sealing to *all* their Covenant-Relation to God in his Church, or putting on Chriſt by Profeſſion; and *only* to the *Elect* a ſaving-Relation by the ſprinkling of Chriſt's Blood in Juſtification, and

and pouring forth his Spirit in Sanctification, ſuch *alone* putting on Chriſt to Salvation. — *Ezek.* 36. 25. *Rom.* 11. 7.

The Lords Supper, In which *Bread* is bleſt, and broken; and *Wine* bleſt, and pour'd forth, and *receiv'd by the Church* met, and ſitting *together* in the *Evening* time, as a Sign to *all*, that in the Evening time of the World, Chriſt's Body was broken, and his Blood ſhed for the Remiſſion of *Sins*; Sealing *only* to the worthy Receivers their ſaving intereſt therein. — 1 *Cor.* 11. 23. *to the end.* *Luke* 22. 14. 30 *Numb.* 28. 2. *Heb.* 9. 26. *Rom.* 3. 24, 26.

Fellowſhip, The *Key*, for opening the Gates of the Church to receive in the *Righteous* that keep the *Truth*; in which there is a *communication* of Experience, and Knowledge, as *alſo* of Gifts and Graces, by praying, and prophecying, for building up the Saints in their moſt Holy Faith; no *Woman* being herein permitted to ſpeak; for 'tis a ſhame for Women to ſpeak in the Church. — *Acts* 2. 42. *Iſa.* 26. 1, 2. *Jer.* 51. 10. 1 *Pet.* 3. 15. 1 *Cor.* 14. *Jude* 20. 1 *Cor.* 14. 34, 35.

Cenſure, The *Key* for ſhutting the Door of the Church; conſiſting of *Admonition*, *withdrawing* from, and *cutting* off Offenders. — *Rev.* 1. 18. 1 *Cor.* 4. 21.

Admonition, *Privately* given, for private Offences; *Publickly*, when the Offence relates to the Body; with *ſhutting up* from Special Ordinances thoſe that ſlight — *Mat.* 18. 15, 17 1 *Tim.* 5. 20. *Numb.* 12. 14. *Ezek.* 43. 11.

2 Theſ. 3. 14, 15

ſlight the Church, or their own Elders, that ſuch may be aſham'd.

2 Theſſ. 3. 6. Rom. 16. 17. Ezra 10. 8. Jer. 2. 18, &c. Heb. 12. 15, 17

Withdrawing from Thoſe that walk diſorderly, cauſe Diviſions and Offences forſake Church Aſſemblies, preſent themſelves at *any* Will-Worſhip, or deſpiſe their Birthright.

1 Cor. 5. 1, 5. 1 Tim. 1. 20. Titus 3. 10. Neh. 5. 13. 2 Cor. 9. 13.

Cutting off, And delivering to Satan ſuch as are obſtinate, Hereticks, or guilty of thoſe ſins that are ſcarce nam'd among the Gentiles: To *all* this Diſcipline of Chriſt we profeſs *Willing* ſubjection. And thus ſhall *each one* of us be in readineſs to revenge *all* diſobedience with the Sword of the Spirit in our hands; this Honour have *all* the Saints; Praiſe ye the Lord!

2 Cor. 10. 4, 6. Pſal. 149. 5, 9.

Pſal. 122. 1. Heb. 10. 24, 25 Num. 28. 2. Exo. 20. 24, 26.

After this manner ſhall we call upon each other, to go up to the *Worſhip* of Chriſt in our ſtated Seaſons, behaving our ſelves in the Houſe of God not unſeemly, but as in the Preſence of Chriſt: Attending alſo on ſuch other *Occaſional* Meetings for *Faſting* and *Thankſgiving*, as it ſhall ſeem good to the Church from the Word to appoint: So ſhall we keep *all* the Ordinances of God's Houſe, with the *Times* and *Forms* thereof, rejecting *all* Ordinances, Times and Forms after the Commandments and Doctrines of Men.

Joel 2. 15. 2 Chr. 20. 3. 26.

1 Cor. 14. 40. Ezek. 43. 4. 11. Matth. 15. 9. Dan. 7. 25. Col. 2. 20, 23.

Fourthly,

Fourthly, The Spirit helping our Infirmities, We *covenant* conſcientiouſly to diſcharge our *ſeveral Duties* to the Lord in this Body, — 2 *Cor.* 3. 5. *Heb.* 3. 5.

We that are *Officers* Covenant to diſcharge our Duty: The *Paſtour* willingly to feed and take the Overſight of the Flock of God; going before them in the ways of Chriſt; ruling in the Fear of the Lord; and being an Example in Faith, Love and Zeal; preaching the Word, inſtant in Seaſon, and out of Seaſon; reproving, rebuking, exhorting with all long-ſuffering; not profaning the Seals to *any* out of the Flock over which the Holy Spirit hath made him Overſeer. The *Elders* diligently to help the Paſtor in Teaching, Watching over, Ruling and Admoniſhing the Flock. The *Deacons* faithfully to ſerve the Tables, waiting on *that* Miniſtry to which they are call'd, uſing their Office well. — *Deut.* 29. 10. 1 *Pet.* 5. 2. *Acts* 20. 28. *Jer.* 50. 8. 2 *Sam.* 23. 3. *Titus* 2. 7. 2 *Tim.* 4. 1, 4. *Ezek.* 44. 6. 13. *Matth.* 7. 6. *Rom.* 12. 7, 8. *Heb.* 13. 17. *Acts* 6. 2, 3. 1 *Tim.* 3. 8, 14.

Furthermore, We *all* Covenant to diſcharge our ſeveral Relative Duties, — *Exodus* 19. 8.

To our Own *Officers*:
To our *Infant Seed*:
To *each other* ſingly; And
To the *whole Body* jointly.

Iſt. We Covenant to Diſcharge our Duty to our *own Officers* choſen from among our ſelves; to maintain, ſubmit to, and pray for our *Paſtour*; to cleave to — *Neh.* 10. 29. *Deut.* 1. 13. 1 *Cor.* 9. 7, 15. *Heb.* 13. 17.

2 *Theſſ.* 3. 1.
Acts 17. 34.
1 *Sam.* 22. 23.
2 *Tim.* 4. 2.
Prov. 21. 16.
1 *Cor.* 4. 15, 16
1 *Theſſ.* 5. 13.
1 *Cor.* 4. 1, 2.
2 *Tim.* 4. 14, 15
3 *John* 9, 10.
Pſal. 101. 5.

1 *Tim.* 5. 1. 17. 19.

Neh. 13. 13.
1 *Tim.* 6. 18.

Gen. 18. 19.
Jude 3.
Gen. 17. 7, 12.
Deut. 10. 15. 14. 1, 2.

Mal. 2. 15.
1 *Cor.* 7. 14. & 10. 2.
Eze. 16. 20, 21. & 46. 16, 18.
Jer. 30. 20.
Acts 2. 39.
Epheſ. 2. 13.
Pſal. 147. 13.

to him, and to abide by him, waiting upon his Miniſtry in Seaſon and out of Seaſon; not *wilfully* wandring from, or forſaking it to attend upon any other; eſteeming him very highly in Love for his Works ſake, as a *Steward* of the Myſteries of God to us: We ſhall not ſuffer any *privily* to backbite, whiſper, or prate againſt our Paſtour with malicious words, for ſuch are to be cut off; We ſhall Honour and Obey our *own Elders* in the Lord, not rebuking, but intreating them as Fathers; counting them worthy of double Honour, who rule well, eſpecially thoſe who labour in the Word and Doctrine; Reſpecting alſo our *Deacons* and being ready for *every* good work to which they ſhall call.

II*dly*. We Covenant to diſcharge our Duty to *our Infant Seed*; contending earneſtly for the Faith *once* delivered to the Saints, of their right to a *relation* unto God in his Church with us, and to *Baptiſm*, the Seal thereof; We being a Spouſe of Chriſt our Royal Husband, *All our Children* therefore are *his*, born to him, who hath promis'd *to us Gentiles* that were afar off, that he will not thruſt *our children* out of their poſſeſſion; but that even *our children* ſhall inherit, and be continu'd a *holy Seed* as afore-time; that our Congregation ſhould be eſtabliſht, and the Bars

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of our Gates ſtrength'ned, by the Lord's bleſſing *our children* within us; therefore will we and *our Houſe* ſerve the Lord, ſeeking as well in the Congregation, as in Secret, for the Bleſſing of the Lord, and his Peace upon *our children*; *walking* before them in a perfect way; *training* them up in the Nurture and Admonition of the Lord; and *calling* upon them as they grow up, to avouch the Lord for their God, and to take on themſelves the *Bond* of the Covenant, *caſting out* ſuch of them as prove Scoffers, and deſpiſers of their Birthright.

Iſa. 65. 23. & 66. 22. *Joſh.* 24.16. *Joel* 2. 16,17. *Pſal.* 90. 16. *Eſther* 10. 3. *Nehem.* 2. 10. *Pſal.* 101. 1. *Epheſ.* 6. 4. *Prov.* 22. 6. 1 *Chr.* 28. 9. 2 *Chr.* 29.11. & 30. 6. *Iſa.* 44. 3, 5. *Gen.* 21. 9,12.

III*dly*, We Covenant to diſcharge our Duty to each other *as members in particular*; to *Love* one another with a pure heart fervently; to *bear* each others burthens, *forbearing* one another, and in Honour *eſteeming* each better than our ſelves; to *watch* over each other, *not hating* our Brother by ſuffering ſin to reſt upon him, but in any wiſe to rebuke him: We *ſhall not* conſent, hearken to, pity, ſpare, nor conceal *any*, tho' *dear* as our own ſoul, that would *ſecretly* intice us to depart from the *true* Faith of God in which we ſtand; but daily will we *exhort* each other, with *full* purpoſe of heart to cleave unto the Lord; *praying* for, *ſtrengthning* and *comforting* one another in the ways of Chriſt; no *Brother* wronging, nor defrauding a Brother, nor going to Law with him before

1 *Cor.* 12.27. 1 *Pet.* 1. 22. *Gal.* 6. 2. *Epheſ.* 4. 2. *Rom.* 12. 10. *Mark* 13. 37. *Levit.* 19. 17. *Deut.* 13.6,11. *Prov.* 29. 24. 1 *Pet.* 5. 12. *Heb.* 3.12,13. *Acts* 11. 23. *James* 5. 16. *Luke* 22. 32. 1 *Theſſ.* 4. 18. 1 *Cor.* 6. 1,8.

before unbelievers, the Saints being to judge all matters relating to the Brethren; And *consecrating* our substance to the Lord, we shall seek the welfare of each other, distributing to the necessities of the Saints, according to the Example of the People of God in the Apostles times, as *far as the present distress doth permit*; not refusing to lay down even our lives for the Brethren, as preferring this *Sion* to our chiefest Joy.

Mic. 4. 13.
Esther 10. 3.
Rom. 12. 13.
Acts 4. 32.
1 *Cor.* 7. 26, 27.
1 *John* 3. 16.
Psal. 137. 6.

Nor shall we neglect our several *relative* Duties whether *within* the Church, or *without*.

Col. 4. 5.

Husbands loving their Wives, not being bitter against them:

Ephe. 5. 25. 33.
Col. 3. 19.

Wives being obedient to their own Husbands in the Lord:

Eph. 5. 22, 24.
Col. 3. 18.

Parents bringing up their Children in the Fear of God:

Ephes. 6. 4.

Children obeying their Parents in the Lord:

Ephes. 6. 1, 2.

Masters being just and merciful to their Servants:

Ephes. 6. 9.

Servants and *Subjects* obeying their Superiors in the Lord; *All* studying to be quiet, to *work* with their own hands, and to mind their own business, rendering to *Cæsar* the things that are *Cæsars*, and to *God* the things that are *Gods*, that so we may *adorn* the Gospel of God our Saviour.

1 *Pet.* 2. 13, 25.
1 *Thess.* 4. 11.
2 *Thess.* 3, 10, 12
Mat. 22. 21.
Titus 2. 10.

IV.

IV. We all Covenant to discharge our Duty to the *whole Church jointly*, as a Body of Christ. — 1 *Cor.* 12. 25. 12.

To be *holy to* the Lord in all manner of Conversation;
To *stand together* for the Defence of the Truth;
To keep *the Unity of* the Spirit in the Bond of Peace;
To press *forward* in our Heavenly Course.

1*st*, As a *Body* of Christ we shall *be holy to the Lord in all manner of Conversation*; not intangling our selves with the Affairs of this Life; in *Language* seeking Purity, avoiding all foolish Talking, or Jesting, which is not convenient; having our Speech season'd with Salt, that it may administer Grace to the Hearers: And we being redeem'd from a vain Conversation, shall *not fashion* our selves according to the former Lusts in our Ignorance, but adorning our selves with modest Apparel, becoming People professing Godliness, *No Woman* shall wear that which pertains to a *Man*, nor *any Man* put on a *Woman*'s Garment, or *Covering*, all that do so being an Abomination to the Lord, who will punish *all* such who are cloath'd with *strange* Apparel, strange to *Nature*, or strange to *Scripture*; therefore shall we hate even the

1 *Pet.* 1. 15.
2 *Tim.* 2. 4.
Zeph. 3. 9.
Ephes. 5. 4.
Col. 4. 6.
1 *Pet.* 1. 14, 18.
1 *Tim.* 2. 9.
Deut. 22. 5. with 1 *Cor.* 11. 1. 16.
Ezek. 44. 20.
Rev. 9. 7, 8.
Zeph. 1. 8.
Isa. 3. 24.
Jude 23.

Gen. 35. 2.
2 *Cor.* 6. 14.
*Joſh.*23.12,13.
*Judg.*2. 1. 4.
2 *Chron.* 19. 2.
20.35,37.
Deut. 7. 3, 5.
Ezra 9. 14. &
10. 3, 5.
*Neh.*13. 23.27
Mal. 2. 11.15.
Heb. 6. 10.
Levit. 18. 30.
Prov. 2. 17.
Mal. 2. 14.
Gen. 23. all.
Ruth 1. 17.
1 *King* 13.31.

the *Garment* ſpotted with the Fleſh; we will not *unequally Yoke* our ſelves with Unbelievers, nor join in Affinity, or make Leagues with ſuch as are not in a *viſible relation* to Chriſt in his Church; nor yet ſhall we give our Daughters to their Sons, nor take their Daughters to our Sons, leſt *our Children* learn their ways, and we *ſo* mingle the *Holy Seed*, that there be no Remnant of us, or eſcaping: *Deſiring alſo* to be married as God's People were of old, and not according to vain Cuſtoms, all which are forbidden; avoiding as much as in us lies, being interr'd with *Strangers*; ſo following the Example of the Saints, who coveted to be buried with their own People.

*Zeph.*3.9.Margent.
Phil. 1. 27.
Gal. 2. 5.
*Act.*20. 20,27.
*Pſal.*119. 128.
Deut. 12. 32.
Mat. 5. 19.
Gal. 4. 18.
Rev. 2. 13.
3. 10.
2 *Cor.*10. 4,7.
Col. 1. 18.

2*dly*, As a Body of Chriſt we will with *one* Shoulder *ſtand together* to uphold his Truth; and that the Goſpel may continue with us and *our Seed*, (like *David* ſerving our Generation) we profeſs to ſtrive together for *all* Truth, counting *nothing indifferent*; being always zealouſly affected for *thoſe* Truths of Chriſt that are moſt oppos'd in our day; reſiſting ſtedfaſtly by his Word and Spirit *all* Doctrines undermining the Dignity of our Lord *Jeſus Chriſt*, as *King*, *Prophet*, and *Prieſt* of his Church, that in all things he might have the *Preheminence*; More particularly,

Firſt,

First, We ſhall oppoſe ALL Doctrines leading to the *Neglect* of Chriſt's Ordinances; or to the *ſinful impoſing* any Traditions, Ceremonies, Orders or Officers in the Church, not inſtituted by Chriſt our only **King**, Judge and Lawgiver, who is *our Lord*, and we will worſhip him.

Iſa. 24. 5. *Matth.* 2. 14. *Matth.* 15. 9. *Gal.* 5. 1. 1 *Kin.* 12.28. *to the End.* *Iſa.* 33. 22. *Pſal.* 45. 11.

Secondly, We ſhall continue heartily to abhor ALL Doctrine contradicting and Blaſpheming the Revelation of this our **Prophet** in his Written Word: Chiefly thoſe *Doctrines of Devils*; which deny, oppoſe, or prevaricate about the *Eternal Godhead* of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and the Holy Spirit, ſo blaſpheming the ever bleſſed *Trinity* in *Unity*.

Acts 13.45,46 *with* 3. 22. 1 *Tim.* 4. 1. *Joh.* 10.30,38 *Acts* 5. 3, 4. 1 *John* 5. 7.

Of that Oppoſe, or Equivocate about the *Myſterious Union* of the Divine and Humane Nature in the *One* Perſon of our glorious Mediator Jeſus Chriſt:

Iſa. 9. 6, 7. *Matth.* 1. 23. 1 *Tim.* 3. 16.

Of that exalt the *Light within*, or any other Creature, above, beſides, or with *Jeſus* of *Nazareth*, that was Born of the *Virgin Mary* in *Bethlehem*, in *Judea*; The Only *True* Light of the World, and Seal'd, Sent Saviour of Sinners:

Jer. 10. 23. *Matth.* 6. 23. *John* 1. 4, 9. *with* 8. 12. 9. 5. & 6. 27. 40.

*Rom.*9.11. *end.* & 11. 5, 7. *Eph.*2. *thro' out* *John* 1. 13. 2 *Tim.* 1. 9. *Titus* 3. 5, 7.

THat *Eclipſe* the Sovereignty, Freeneſs, and Efficacy of Divine Grace in Election, Vocation and Juſtification, *all* being *only* of Grace, without *any* regard had to Good *foreſeen* in, or *done*, or *will'd* by the Creature;

Hoſea 8. 12. *Mat.*5. 17,19. *Iſa.* 42. 21. *Rom.*3. 19,21. *Gal.* 6. 16. 1 *Tim.*1.5,10. *Pſal.* 19. 7,9. *Rom.*7. 12,22:

THat *make void* the good old righteous Law of God, as a *Law* under which *all* Men are born, and as a *Rule of Life* to all the Called of God; The Law given to *Adam* in Paradice, and afterwards held forth ſummarily in the *Ten Commandments*, explain'd by *Chriſt*, his Apoſtles, and Prophets, containing *all* Duties whatſoever, (Faith and Repentance not excepted) and forbidding *all* manner of ſin.

Acts 20. 24. *Luke* 2.10,11. *Acts* 13.38,39 *Rom.*3.22,28. & 5. 1, 2. 10. 4.

THat *transform* the *Goſpel* of God's Grace into a new *Remedial* Law, commanding Faith, Repentance, and ſincere Obedience, as the *Terms* and *Conditions* of our Juſtification: the *true* *Goſpel* being a Miniſtration of Grace, *freely* tendring to poor ſinners the *Suretiſhip* Righteouſneſs of Chriſt, to be relied upon by Faith; and *imputed* to them, for their *full* and *free* Juſtification before God:

*Rom.*5. 10,19. & 10. 4.

THat affirm Juſtification is *only* by the Death of Chriſt, and conſiſts *only* in Remiſſion of Sin: The Word aſſuring us, that Juſtification is as well by *Chriſt's perfect*

perfect Obedience to the Law, as *by his Death* under its Curſe, and therein the Sinner is *not only* forgiven, *but* accounted *perfectly* righteous:

Heb. 5. 8, 9. *Cant.* 4. 7. 2 *Cor.* 5. 21. *Eph.* 5. 27. 1 *Joh.* 3. 7.

Or that render the Elect *leſs* children of Wrath by Nature than others, by aſſerting their actual Juſtification from Eternity, or at any time before Faith; the whole tenour of Scripture diſcovering that *all* are *alike* under ſin, ſhut up under the Law till Faith comes, by which Chriſt is apprehended to juſtifie, and ſave *even* from the loweſt Hell:

Epheſ. 2.3,12. *Rom.* 3. 9, 19. *Mark* 2. 17. *Gal.* 3. 22,23. 1 *Theſ.* 1.8,10. *Gal.* 2. 16. *Pſal.* 86. 13.

Or that give the leaſt encouragement to ſin: *Either* by affirming, that the Iniquities of God's Children are not viſited by Stripes conſiſting with the Father's loving-kindneſs; *Or*, By refuſing to pray for the Pardon of Sin, which our Lord in his Summary of Prayer hath made our daily Duty: *And*, by denying Repentance and Good Works to be the genuine Fruits of Faith; ſo turning the Grace of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt into Laſciviouſneſs, and cauſing his Croſs to be evil-ſpoken of:

Pſal. 89.31,33 *Jer.* 46. 28. *Amos* 3. 2. *Luke* 11. 4. *Pſal.* 25. 7,11, 18. 2 *Cor.* 7.10,11 *Jam.* 2.14. *ult* *Jude* 4 *v.* *Phil.* 3. 18,19.

Theſe Doctrines ſhall we *deteſt*; Together with *all*, that queſtion the Validity of *any* part, or the ſufficiency of the *whole* written Word, for *perfecting* the Man of God in *all* things whatſoever; ſo re-

Pro. 2. 6. *to* 15. *Pſal.* 17. 4. 19. 7. 2 *Tim.* 3. 15. 17.

Mal. 2. 9.
Heb. 3. 5, 6.
Dan. 9. 24.
Jer. 8. 8, 9.

Heb. 2. 17.
9. 26.
10. 4, *to* 23.

Heb. 3. 1.
1 *John* 2. 1, 2.
1 *Tim.* 2. 5.

Gal. 2. 5.
& 5. 1.
2 *Tim.* 2. 1.
Rev. 14. 1.
Gal. 2. 11.
Rev. 2. 10.
3. 15, 16.
1 *King.* 18. 21.
Zech. 11. 8.
Pſal. 69. 9.
119. 139.
1 *Cor.* 4. 3.
Pſal. 69. 7.
Heb. 12. 3.
Pſal. 69. 8.
Gal. 4. 16.
Micah 7. 1, 7.
Luke 14. 26.
to 33.

Rev. 14. 4.
1 *Cor.* 4. 9, 13.
Heb. 11. 24, 27

proaching our *faithful Prophet* who hath ſeal'd the Viſion, and given us a Rule in *every* thing compleat.

Thirdly, Continually ſhall we reject *all* Doctrines eſtabliſhing Prieſthoods, Maſſes, Conditions, or any Creature Qualifications, and Confidences, for Satisfaction, Mediation or Interceſſion with God; *Chriſt alone* being *our* High-Prieſt *Propitiation* and *Mediatour*.

Therefore we will not give place by ſubjection, no not for an hour, to *any* that would bring us into Bondage, but being ſtrong in the Grace which is in Chriſt Jeſus, and ſhewing the Father's Mark in the Forehead, we ſhall withſtand them to the Face, ſtedfaſtly reſiſting even to the Death; Proteſting againſt *all* coldneſs, lukewarmneſs, halting or indifferency in the Cauſe of Chriſt, which things his Soul hates: The Zeal of Chriſt's Houſe having eaten us up, for *his ſake* therefore, ſhall we gladly bear the unrighteous Judgments, Reproaches and Contradictions of *all ſorts* of ſinners, whether open *Enemies*, falſe *Brethren*, lukewarm *Churches* or *Kindred* according to the fleſh; profeſſing to have counted the Coſt, and willingly to deny and forſake *all*, Friends, Relations, Enjoyments, and whatſoever is dear to us in this World, that we may follow the Lamb whitherſoever he goeth, laying our Reputation, Eſtate, Liberty, yea Life it ſelf at the

the Feet of Jeſus Chriſt, our Lord and Saviour. *Matth.* 16. 24, 27.

3*dly*, As a Body of Chriſt, we will *keep the unity of the Spirit in the Bond or Covenant of peace:* Maintaining the Priviledges of this Church; every true Church conſiſting of ſo many, and *no* more, as can conveniently meet together in *one* place, being Chriſt's *Clergy* or Heritage, to whom he hath given a power of ſending forth his Miniſters, and to *chuſe* from among themſelves, and to *ordain* their *own* Officers, with Faſting and Prayer, without laying on of Hands, the glorious Gifts attending which, being long ſince ceas'd, that *Ceremony* is no more to be us'd, than waſhing of Feet, or anointing with Oil; This Priviledge therefore, with the Liberty of determining *all* Matters relating to this Body, we will carefully uphold; Renouncing *all* Encroachments made on Faith, and Order, by *Popes*, *Councils*, or any other *whatſoever:* Yet ſhall we not refuſe Communion with *true Siſter Churches*, in giving, and receiving *Advice*, *Supplies* or *Members:*

Epheſ. 4. 3. *with Eze.* 20. 37 *Gal.* 5. 1.

1 *Cor.* 14. 23.

1 *Pet.* 5. 3. 1 *Cor.* 12. 28. *Epheſ.* 4. 16. *Iſa.* 66. 21. *Jer.* 3. 14, 15. & 30. 21. *Deut.* 1. 13. *Acts* 1. 21, 26. & 14. 23. 1 *Cor.* 12. 7. & 14. 26. *Rev.* 2 & 3 *cha.* *Epheſ.* 4. 16. *with* 1 *Cor.* 12. 12, 27. *Gal.* 5. 1. 2 *Theſſ.* 2. 3, 10. *Rev.* 2. 2. 12. 11. *Acts* 15. &c.

And that we may ſpeak the *ſame things*, and have *no* Diviſion among us, *No one* of us will go up and down as a Tattler, Tale-bearer, or Buiſie-Body, ſpeaking things which they ought not; but we ſhall mark, and avoid *all* Perſons, and Things tending to *Diviſion*; Eſpecially, ſhall

1 *Cor.* 1. 10.

Levit. 19. 16. *Prov.* 20. 19. 1 *Tim.* 5. 13. *Rom.* 16. 17. *Pſal.* 101.

2 *John* 9, 10. *Dan.* 11. 30. 1 *Cor.* 5. 11. 1 *Kin.* 13. 8. 9. *Pſal.* 15. 4. *Hoſea* 4. 15. 17 2 *Cor.* 6. 17, 18 *Col.* 2. 20, 23.

1 *Cor.* 1, 10. & 10. 17. *Epheſ.* 4. 4, 6.

Ezek. 44. 6, 9. *Jer.* 51. 10. *Pſa.* 66. 16. & 40. 9, 10. 1 *Pet.* 3. 15. *Phil.* 2. 1, 2. 2 *Chr.* 23. 19.

Gal. 5. 1. *Mat.* 11. 29. *Pſal.* 19. 13.

Levit. 26. 25.

Phil. 3. 12, 15. 2 *Cor.* 6. 17. *Rev.* 18. 4.

Iſa. 52. 11, 12. *Pſalm* 133.

ſhall we refuſe to *receive* into our Houſe, to have *any* Intelligence, or *eat* with **Apoſtates**, or them that forſake the *holy Covenant*; contemning *all* ſuch *vile* perſons; Nor will we come near to, touch, taſte or handle *any* Worſhip after the Commandments and Doctrines of Men, whatſoever *ſhew* of Wiſdom and Humility it may have; *Thus* being perfectly join'd in the *ſame* Mind, and in the *ſame* Judgment, we ſhall be as *one* Bread, and *one* Body, in *one* Spirit, call'd in *one* Hope, having *one* Lord, *one* Faith, *one* Baptiſm, *one* God the Father of all, who is above all, and thro' all, and in us all; Therefore ſhall we take *none* into Fellowſhip with us, but ſuch as ſhall *declare* what the Lord hath done for their Souls, and openly *profeſs* their *Oneneſs* with us in *Faith*, and *Order*; rejecting *all* that are viſibly unclean in any thing; ſo ſhall we ſtand faſt in the Liberty wherewith Chriſt hath made us free, eſteeming *this Yoke* of Chriſt eaſie, and his Burthen light, And dreading any *wilful Breach* of this Covenant, the quarrel of which God will avenge!

Finally, AS a Body of CHRIST in this *Oneneſs*, We Covenant to *preſs forward* after ſuch a Separation from the Men of the World, as we are call'd to by God in his Word, that as Brethren we might dwell *even* together in Unity, to ſeek and to intermeddle with *all* Wiſdom, and

and to be kept from *touching* The Unclean Thing: So giving Thanks to the Holy Name of God our Saviour, and triumphing in his Praiſe; We ſhall look for, and haſten unto the *New Heavens*, and the *New Earth*, wherein dwells Righteouſneſs, the Kingdom of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, to be reveal'd at his Appearance, who will come ſhortly, and will not tarry; The Spirit and the Bride ſay come, and let him that heareth ſay come, even ſo come, *Lord Jeſus*, come quickly: *Amen!*

Prov. 18. 1.
Pſ. 106.47,48.
2 *Pet.*3.12,13.
2 *Tim.* 4. 1.
*Rev.*22.17,20, 21.

AND now bleſſing our God for eſtabliſhing us a *Church* of Chriſt by Covenant, a *Houſe* for himſelf to dwell in, a *Pillar and Ground* of Truth, a *Golden Candleſtick* to hold forth his Light to the World; Truſting that the Lord is in the midſt of us, and that the Gates of Hell ſhall not prevail againſt us; We commend our ſelves to the *Grace* of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, the *Love* of God, and the *Communion* of the Holy Spirit, whereby our hearts ſhall be ſtedfaſt in this Covenant; *Expecting* from Chriſt our Mediatour, *All* Righteouſneſs and Strength, *Strength* to ſupply us with *all* Grace to do, and *Righteouſneſs* to pardon *all* our failings in this our Covenant; not looking to be juſtify'd by our Obedience hereto, *all* our Salvation being in the Blood of the Everlaſting Covenant of Grace, made *with* Chriſt for us, and given

Pſal. 105.8,10
2 *Cor.* 1.21.
Epheſ. 2. 22.
1 *Tim.* 3. 15.
Rev. 2. 7.
Matth. 5. 14.
Pſal. 46. 5.
Matth. 16. 18.
2 *Cor.* 13. 14.
Pſal. 78. 37.
Col. 2. 5.
Iſa. 45. 24.
2 *Cor.* 12. 9.
*Heb.*9. 14,15.
Gal. 2. 16.
*Heb.*13.20,21
Iſa. 55. 3.

2 *Chr.* 23.16. & 34. 30, 32.

given *to* us as a Free Teſtament: This Covenant being the *Holy Bond* of our Souls to *be the Lord's* People, to walk *fully after the Lord*, and to keep his *Commandments*.

In Teſtimony of OUR unfeigned Sincerity *herein*, *We make it* Sure *by Writing it:*

Neh. 9. 38. *with chap.* 10.16,28 *Ezek.* 43. 11. *Iſa.* 44 .5.

And We, *our* Elders *and* Deacons *Subſcribe it with the Hand:*

This Thirtieth Day of the Eleventh *Month,*

MDCXCIX.

THE

Catechiſm

OR,

BRIEF INSTRUCTION

In the

Faith
AND
Order

Of the Goſpel.

For the

CHURCH of CHRIST.

Meeting at

Horſly-Down in *Southwark.*

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1 *JOHN* II.

I have written unto you Fathers, *becauſe ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you* Young Men, *becauſe ye are ſtrong, and the Word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one: I have written unto you,* Little Children, *becauſe your ſins are forgiven you for his Name ſake, and ye have known the Father.*

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THE CONTENTS OF THE Catechiſm.

THIS *Catechiſm* contains *Seven Leſſons* which by degrees lead into the Knowledge of the Truth as it is in JESUS:

The *Firſt Leſſon* opens with a Diſcovery *of God*, that his Awe may be upon the Heart:

The *Second Leſſon* ſpeaks of the *Decrees* of God, and his *Creation*, that in ſome meaſure they may be underſtood: Afterwards

The *Third Leſſon* makes known the *Fall* of Man, with the Bitter *Fruits* of it, to humble and abaſe the heart before God; And then in

The *Fourth Leſſon*, Comfort is adminiſtred from the Glad Tidings of *Redemption* by the Perſon of *Chriſt*: And that this Salvation may not only be heard of, but felt

The *Fifth Leſſon* explains the *Manner* of the *Application of this Redemption* by Faith to the

Soul; which ſavingly experienc'd, will draw forth Deſires to underſtand

The *Sixth Leſſon*, In which the good Old *Law* and *Goſpel* of God are briefly cleared up, and *diſtinguiſht*; the good knowledge whereof will lead down to

The *Seventh* and laſt *Leſſon*, containing ſome Light about *The great Duty of glorifying God in his Churches*; which hereafter (if God will) may be more fully Explain'd: This great Duty *all* Chriſtians ſhould covet to underſtand, ſince in the *Church only* can they *give* moſt Glory to Chriſt, and *partake* moſt of his Glory in this Life; And thro' theſe *Gates of Heaven*, upright Souls have an abundant Entrance adminiſtred to them into the Eternal Joy of their Lord and Maſter; with a brief Account whereof the *Catechiſm* concludes.

The *Former Part* of the *Catechiſm* contains thoſe Truths that are more *generally* receiv'd, which are given in ſhorter *Leſſons*, and ſhorter *Anſwers*, as *Milk* for *Babes*: By the good Digeſtion of which the Capacity will be enlarg'd to receive the Truths that *follow*, which are contain'd in larger *Leſſons*, and longer *Anſwers*, that the Truth might be kept in an *intire Propoſition*, and not *mangled* by *many Queſtions*; and for this there was a more *ſpecial* Neceſſity in the inſtruction about *glorifying God in his Churches*; Which is the *ſtrong meat* belonging to them that are of more *full age*, who by reaſon of Uſe have their Sences exercis'd to diſcern both good and evil: Upon this *ſtrong meat* the *ſpiritual man* will heartily feed; for only *Babes* and *carnal* feed altogether upon *Milk*.

The

The First *Leſſon.*

Of GOD.

Queſtion 1.

WHAT *are You?*

Anſwer.

By Nature I am a poor loſt Sinner againſt *God.*

Rom. 3. 9. *to* 20.
Eph. 2. 1. 3. 12.

Queſtion 2. *What is God?*

Anſwer. GOD is the Eternal, Almighty Spirit, who made *All* things by His *Power*, and orders *All* things by his *Providence*, whom no Man hath ſeen, or can ſee.

Joh̃n 4. 24.
Rom. 1. 20.
Iſa. 44. 24.
Dan. 4. 35.
1 *Tim.* 6. 16.

Queſtion 3. *How then ſhall we know God?*

Anſwer. GOD is known partly by *Conſcience* within us; and by his *Works* without us; But more fully by his *Written Word.*

Rom. 1. 19, 20.
Pſal. 19. *all.*
Pſal. 138. 2.

Queſtion 4. *How ſhall we know God by* Conſcience *within us?*

Anſwer. GOD hath ſhown *all* Men ſomewhat of Himſelf by Natural Reaſon, and *Conſcience* within them; witneſſing (tho' darkly) that there is a Juſt and Holy God.

Rom. 2. 14, 15.
Prov. 20. 27.
Rom. 1. 21.

Question 5. *How do the* Works *of God make him known?*

Psalm 8. *all.* *Jer.* 10. 12. *Acts* 14. 17. *Rom.* 1. 20.

Answer. The Heavens, the Earth, the Seas, and *all* things therein, shew forth the Power, Wisdom, and Goodness of GOD the Maker of all, so that *All* are without Excuse.

Question 6. *How doth the* Written Word *reveal God more clearly?*

1 *John* 5. 7. *Isa.* 43. 10, 11. 1 *Thess.* 1. 9. *Psal.* 83. 18. & *Psal.* 96. 5. 1 *Cor.* 8. 4. 6.

Answer. The *Written Word* of God reveals, That there are *Three* in Heaven, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and these *Three* are *One* Living and True GOD, whose Name alone is *JEHOVAH*, and *all* other Gods are Idols.

Question 7. *How can it be that there are* Three *Persons in the Godhead, and yet but* ONE *God?*

Job 11. 7, 8. 9. 36. 26. 37. 19, 23, 24. *Prov.* 30. 4, 5. 2 *Chro.* 20. 20.

Answer. 'Tis impossible for any Man to comprehend the unsearchable Mystery of the *Trinity* in *Unity*, or *Three* Persons in the Godhead: We should therefore readily believe whatsoever GOD reveals of Himself in His Word, since none in *all* his *Creation* can find him out to Perfection!

The

The Second *Leſſon About the* Decrees *and* Creation.

Queſtion 1.

WHY *did God create all things?*

Anſwer.

GOD the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Bleſſed and Happy in the Enjoyment of Himſelf from all Eternity, *Decreed* to Create all things, to ſhow forth his Glory in Chriſt Jeſus.

Iſa. 57. 15. 1 *Tim.* 6. 16. *Col.* 1. 16. *Rev.* 4. 11.

Queſtion 2. *What are God's Eternal* Decrees?

Anſwer. GOD's Eternal *Decrees* are his Purpoſe, and his Counſel in himſelf, before any thing was, *fore-ordaining* all *Perſons* and *Things* that ever ſhould be.

Acts 15. 18. 17. 26. *Iſa.* 14. 24. 46. 10.

Queſtion 3. *When did God make all things?*

Anſwer. In the *beginning* God created the Heaven, the Earth, the Seas, and all things therein in Six Days.

Gen. 1. 1. 9, 10, 31.

Queſtion 4. *Of what did God make all things?*

Anſwer. GOD made all things of *Nothing*, ſo that the things which are ſeen, were not made of things which do appear.

Job 26. 7. *Heb.* 11. 3.

Question 5. *How did God create all things?*

Answer. GOD created all things by his *Son* Jesus Christ, whom he appointed *Lord* and *Heir* of all.

John 1. 3. *Heb.* 1. 2, 10. *Col.* 1. 16.

Question. 6. *In what State did God make all things?*

Answer. GOD made Angels and Man, and *all* things *very good.*

Gen. 1.27.31. *Eccl.* 7. 29.

Question 7. *What are Angels?*

Answer. Angels are Ministring Spirits, mighty in Strength, to wait about the Throne of GOD, and to do all his Commands.

Heb. 1. 7. 14. *Psal.* 103. 20. 104. 4.

Question 8. *What Creature is* Man?

Answer. GOD form'd Man of the *Dust* of the ground, and gave him an immortal *Soul*; so God created *Man* in his own Image, upright, *Male* and *Female* Created he them, and they were call'd *Adam* and *Eve.*

Gen, 2. 7. *Matth.* 10.28. *Gen.* 1. 27. *Eccl.* 7. 29. *Gen.* 3. 20.

Question 9. *What did God do with Man when he made him?*

Answer. The Lord God took Man, and put him into the Garden of *Eden,* and gave him a *Law* *, forbidding him to eat of the Tree of Knowledge: for in the day he eat thereof he should surely die.

Gen. 2. 8. 16, 17

* *Note,* 'Twas a Law *given to* Man, not a Covenant of Works *made with* Man.

The

The Third *Leſſon.*

About the Fall, *and the* Fruits *of it.*

Queſtion 1.

HOW *long did Man continue Upright?*

Anſwer.

Man that was in Honour, abode not for a Night, but by ſinning againſt *God*, fell from his Innocency and Uprightneſs. *Pſ.*49.12.*Heb.* *Gen.* 3. 6. *Eccl.* 7. 29.

Queſtion 2, *How came Man to fall by Sin?*

Anſwer. Man being left to the Freedom of his own Will, fell into Sin thro' the Temptation of that old Serpent, the *Devil*, in tranſgreſſing the Law giv'n him by God. *Ge.*3.6,7,8,13 *John* 8. 44.

Queſtion 3. *What Creature is the Devil?*

Anſwer. The *Devil* was once an Angel of Light, but rebelling againſt GOD, and drawing other Angels with him, they were *all* condemn'd into Hell for their Pride; and now theſe Devils go about as *roaring Lions* ſeeking whom they *may* devour. *Job* 4. 18. 2 *Pet.* 2. 4. *Jude* 6. 1 *Tim.* 3. 6. 1 *Pet.* 5. 8.

Queſtion

Question 4. *What was that Sin by which the Devil tempted Man to fall from God?*

Answer. The *Devil* in the *Serpent* tempted the Woman *to eat of the forbidden fruit*, and She, being *first* deceiv'd, tempted her *Husband* to eat with her, by which they *both* fell from God.

Gen. 3. 1. *to* 7. 1 *Tim.* 2. 14. 2 *Cor.* 11. 3.

Question 5. *What follow'd Man's falling from God?*

Answer. Adam and *Eve* falling from GOD, receiv'd the Sentence of *Death*, that is, dreadful Misery to *themselves*, to their *Posterity*, and to *all* the Creation subjected to them.

Gen. 2. 17. 3. 16. 19. *Rom.* 5. 12. 8. 22.

Question 6. *What special Misery came on* Adam *and* Eve *by the Fall?*

Answer. As soon as *Adam* and *Eve* fell they died *spiritually*, that is, they lost the Image of GOD in their Souls, and they saw that they were *Naked*, or expos'd to *all* manner of Death, and were driven out of *Paradice*.

Rom. 3. 24. *Gen.* 3. 7, 10. 16. 19. 23. 24.

Question 7. *What Misery came on Adams* Posterity *by his Fall?*

Answer. All Mankind being the Sons and Daughters of *Adam*, and in his Loins, sinn'd in him, and so Death past upon them *all*, therefore *all* are born in *spirituall* Death, under the Sentence of *eternal* Death, and undergo the *natural* death of the Body.

1 *Co.* 15. 21, 22 *Rom.* 5. 12, 14, 17, 18.

Question

Queſtion 8. *I find then that the* death *of the* Body *is the fruit of Sin; But what is that* ſpiritual *Death all are born in?*

Anſwer. The *ſpiritual death* all are born in, is the loſs of God's Image in the Soul, all being conceiv'd in Sin, and born without any Righteouſneſs, full of all evil, having their *minds* blinded, their *Conſciences* defil'd, their *Hearts* harden'd, their *Wills* corrupted, their *Affections* perverted, and going *aſtray* from the Womb; and *all* this is call'd *Original Sin.*

Rom. 3. 9,19. *Pſal.* 51. 5. *Rom.* 3. 10,14. *Epheſ.* 4. 18. *Titus* 1. 15. *Zech.* 7. 12. *Titus* 3. 3. *Pſalm* 58. 3.

Queſtion 9. *What is that* Eternal *Death to which all are expos'd?*

Anſwer. All the Children of *Adam* by Nature are born under the Sentence of *Eternal* Death, which is, being ſeparated from GOD for ever in Hell; this *all* deſerve, and would feel, if the Lord had not choſen in *Chriſt* a remnant, to *eſcape* the Wrath to come.

Rom. 3. 9. *with* 6. 23. *Rom.* 5. 12,14. *Iſa.* 1. 9. *Rom.* 9. 29. 11. 5, 7. 1 *Theſſ.* 5. 9.

Queſtion 10. *What Miſery came on the reſt of the* Creation *by Adam's Fall?*

Anſwer. The Ground was curſed for *Adam's* ſake, and ſo brings forth Briars and Thorns; yea, becauſe of this the *whole* Creation groaneth.

Gen. 3. 17,18. *Rom.* 8. 20,22.

Queſtion 11. *Can any Man help himſelf out of this miſerable State?*

Anſwer. There is *no* Man can by any Means redeem his *own* Soul, nor give to GOD a Ranſom for himſelf, or for *any* of the Creation from this dreadful Miſery.

Pſal. 49. 7, 8. *Hoſea* 13. 9.

The

The Fourth *Leſſon*

About Redemption *by the Perſon of* CHRIST.

Queſtion 1.

DID *God leave* all *Men in this miſerable condition to periſh for ever?*

Anſwer. GOD did not leave *all* Men to periſh in their Miſery, but preſently upon *Adam*'s Fall, reveal'd to him Salvation by *Jeſus Chriſt*, the Seed of the Woman.

Gen. 3. 8, 15. *with Heb.* 2. 14, 16.

Queſtion 2. *Who is Jeſus Chriſt?*

Anſwer. Jeſus Chriſt is the only Begotten Son of God, *God* and *Man* in *One* Perſon, the *only* Saviour of Sinners.

John 3. 16. 1 *Tim.* 3. 16. *Matth.* 1. 21, 23

Queſtion 3. *How can Jeſus Chriſt be* God *and* Man *in One Perſon?*

Anſwer. This is the great Myſtery of *Godlineſs*, that Jeſus Chriſt being *Very God* took on him the Nature of *Man*, yet without Sin, and ſo in *One* Perſon is *both* God and Man.

1 *Tim.* 3. 16. *Heb.* 2. 14. 7. 26. *Matth.* 1. 23.

Queſtion 4. *How did Jeſus Chriſt the Son of God take our Nature upon him?*

Anſwer, The Holy Spirit overſhadowing the *Virgin Mary*, ſhe conceiv'd, and that Holy Thing that was Born of her in

Luke 1. 35. *Matth.* 1. 18. 2. 1.

in *Bethlehem* in *Judea*, was Jesus Christ the Son of the Most High God! *Luke* 1. 32.

Question 5. *Why was Jesus Christ Born into the World?*

Answer. Jesus Christ came into the World to save Sinners, as being *Mediatour* between God and Men. 1 *Tim.* 1. 15. 2. 5.

Question 6. *How doth Jesus Christ save Sinners?*

Answer. Jesus Christ saves Sinners *freely* by his Grace, without any Conditions or Qualifications done by them, he being the only *Priest* to atone for them, by the Sacrifice of himself; the true *Prophet* to teach them by his Word and Spirit; by which also as *King* he Rules them. *Ephes.* 2. 8. *Titus* 3. 4, 5. 2 *Tim.* 1. 9. *Isa.* 52. 3. *Heb.* 7. 24, 25. *Acts* 3. 20, 26. *Psalm* 110. *all and* 2. 2, 6.

Question 7. *How is Jesus Christ* Mediatour *between God and Men?*

Answer. Jesus Christ is the *Mediatour* between God and Men, as he makes up the Breach between an *offended* God, and *offending* Men, according to the Everlasting Covenant of Grace. *Heb.* 9. 14, 15. *Eph.* 2. 13, 16.

Question 8. *What is the Everlasting Covenant of Grace?*

Answer. The Covenant of Grace is the Eternal Agreement of the *Father* with the *Son*, in which the Father on the part of the Godhead promis'd to the Son, Eternal Life for all the Elect, upon his *Psal.* 89. 3. 28 *to* 38. *Isa.* 53. 10, 11. *Psal.* 40. 6, 8.

Iſa. 26. 12. his performing *all* Conditions, *for* and *in* them that ſhall be ſav'd.

Queſtion 9. *But is not the Covenant of Grace made with Men?*

Anſwer. The Covenant of Grace is made only *with* Jeſus Chriſt as the Head and Repreſentative of the Elect, *to* whom, when they believe, 'tis made over as a *Promiſe* in a gracious *Church-Covenant*, founded upon it, and made with the Saints *before* Chriſt came in the fleſh; and ſince by him renew'd to the Church, and their Seed; which is call'd the *firſt* and *ſecond* Covenant.

Zech. 9. 11.
Iſa. 42. 6.
Eph. 1. 10.
Iſa. 55. 1, 3.
Ezek. 16. 6.
Pſal. 50. 5.
Jer. 31. 31, 33.
Heb. 8. 6, 13.

Queſtion 10. *But are not Men to perform ſome of the* Conditions *of the Covenant of Grace?*

Anſwer. No Man can perform *any one* Condition of the Covenant for Salvation; Jeſus Chriſt doth all *for* his People that procures their Salvation, and all *in* them to make them lay hold of this Salvation, and ſo gives the Covenant of Grace, as a Free *Promiſe*, or Teſtament to them in his Blood, therefore he is call'd *the Covenant.*

2 *Cor.* 3. 5.
Iſa. 26. 12.
Phil. 2. 13.
Eph. 2. 8.
2 *Tim.* 1. 1.
1 *Cor.* 11. 25.
Iſa. 55. 3.
49. 8.

Queſtion 11. *How doth Jeſus Chriſt according to the Covenant of Grace, make up the Breach between God and Man?*

Anſwer. Jeſus Chriſt makes up the Breach between God and Man as his People's *Surety* in their *Stead*; being made

Heb. 7. 22.
2 *Cor.* 5. 21.

made under the Law, *obeying* it perfectly in his Life, and *dying* the ſhameful Death of the Croſs under the Curſe of it, and *riſing* again the Third Day, he ſo fulfill'd *all* Conditions of Life, and Salvation for them.

Gal. 4. 4, 5. *Matth.* 5. 17. *Gal.* 3. 13. 1 *Cor.* 15. 3, 4. *Rom.* 1. 3, 4. *and* 4. 25.

Queſtion 12. *Why was it needful that Jeſus Chriſt ſhould be God and Man to make up this Breach?*

Anſwer. It was needful that Chriſt ſhould be *Man* to *obey* the Law, and die under its Curſe in the *ſame* Nature that ſinn'd; and alſo *God*, to *ſupport* him under, and give a *value* to all that he *did*, and *ſuffer'd* for the Salvation of his People.

Heb. 2. 14, 16.

Acts 20. 28.

Queſtion 13. *Is there no Salvation to be had but by Jeſus Chriſt God-Man?*

Anſwer. There is *no* Salvation in *any* other but Jeſus Chriſt; for there is *none* other Name under Heaven given among Men, whereby we muſt be ſav'd but by *Jeſus Chriſt*, who *died* for our Sins, and *roſe again* for our Juſtification!

Acts 4. 12. *Iſa.* 43. 11. *Rom.* 4. 25.

The

The Fifth *Leſſon.*

About the Application *of Redemption.*

Queſtion 1.

WILL *Jeſus Chriſt ſave all Men?*

Anſwer.

Pſal. 36. 6. *with* 1 *Tim.* 4. 10. *Heb.* 2. 9, 10. *Rom.* 9. 27. 1 *Tim.* 4, 10.

Jeſus Chriſt ſo ſaves *all* the World from preſent deſtruction, that *all* men have ſome *outward* Benefits by his Ranſom; but he doth only ſave a *certain number* from Eternal Death, whence he is ſaid *ſpecially* to ſave them that believe.

Queſtion 2. *Who are thoſe that Jeſus Chriſt will ſave from* Eternal *Death?*

Joh. 17. 2, 9, 12, 19. *Rom.* 11. 5, 7. 2 *Theſſ.* 2. 11, 14

Anſwer. Jeſus Chriſt ſaves none from *Eternal* Death but the *Elect*, thoſe that were choſen to Salvation *before* the foundation of the World; the *reſt* die in their Sins and are damn'd, notwithſtanding all the *good things* they enjoy in *this life* by Chriſt.

Luke 16. 25.

Queſtion 3. *How comes it that only ſome are* elected?

Epheſ. 4. 5, 11. *Rom.* 9. 11. *to* 24. *Prov.* 16. 4. 1 *Pet.* 2. 8, 9.

Anſwer. It pleas'd God of his own Will, for the manifeſtation of his glory, to chuſe *ſome* to everlaſting life, and to appoint *others* to Condemnation; nor

nor doth he give any other account of his doings, but his own Sovereign Will and Pleaſure. *Jude* 4. *Job* 33. 13.

Queſtion 4. *But did not God chuſe the* Elect *for ſome good he ſaw in them more than in the* reſt?

Anſwer. There could be no more good *foreſeen* in the Creature than what God did *fore-ordain*; therefore God choſe not *any* for foreſeen good in them; but he had Mercy on whom he *would* have Mercy, and whom he *would* he harden'd; and who may ſay to him what doeſt thou? 2 *Tim.* 1. 9. *Rom.* 9. 18. *Matth.* 20. 15. *Job* 9. 12. 40. 2.

Queſtion 5. *What difference then is there between the* Elect *and* others, *that we may know them?*

Anſwer, There is *no* difference between the Elect and others by Nature, *all are alike* the Children of *Wrath*, under *Sin*, ſhut up under the *Law* till Faith comes; the difference is made *only* by Grace; which cauſeth the Elect in the time appointed to *believe* in Chriſt, that they may be juſtified by Faith in him. *Rom.* 3. 9. *Gal.* 3. 10 22, 23, 24. *Rom.* 11. 5, 6. 1 *Cor.* 4. 7. *Gal.* 1. 15. 2. 16. 3. 24.

Queſtion 6. *But if I am Elect, may I not live as I will, and yet be ſaved?*

Anſwer. All that are elected to Salvation, are elected alſo to the Means of Salvation, being choſe to be ſav'd *thro'* Faith in Chriſt, and Sanctification 2 *Theſſ.* 2. 13. 1 *Pet.* 1. 2.

of the Spirit unto Obedience, which Faith all the Elect ſhall have to purifie their hearts, ſo that they *cannot* live after the fleſh!

Rom. 6. 17,18. *Acts* 15. 9,11. *Rom.* 8. 1. 14.

Queſtion 7, *Are the Elect then ſav'd for their Faith and Obedience?*

Anſwer. The Elect are not ſav'd *for* their Faith and Obedience, but they are ſav'd *thro'* Faith in Chriſt in a way of Obedience unto him; and whoſoever live all their life as they liſt, and do never come to Chriſt by Faith, nor obey him, they are *not* elected, and can *never* be ſav'd!

Titus 3. 5. *Eph.* 2. 8,9,10. *Rom.* 8. 6, 14. *Joh.* 3. 18.36. 10. 3. 26.

Queſtion 8. *But are none ſav'd without Faith in Chriſt?*

Anſwer. GOD hath appointed *only* one way of Salvation, and that is by Grace *thro' faith* in Jeſus Chriſt; ſo that *without*, or *before* Faith, none are juſtified; *even* the Elect that die in their *infancy*, have Faith wro't in them by the Spirit of GOD, by which they *truſt* in Chriſt; and all that do not thus come to Chriſt by true *Faith*, being *already* condemn'd, the Wrath of God abideth on them.

John 3.18.36. *Eph.* 2. 5. 8. *Gal.* 3. 22.24. *Acts* 13.39,48 2 *Sam.* 12.23. *Pſal.* 22.9,10. 71. 5, 6. *Luke* 1.37.44. 18. 16. 17. *Rom.* 4. 16. *Heb.* 11. 6.

Queſtion 9. *How did the Elect of Old come to Chriſt before he was born in the World?*

Anſwer. The Elect of Old came to Chriſt, and were ſav'd *by faith* in him, *even*

Heb. 13. 8. *Acts* 15. 9,11

even as we are now, only they believ'd in Christ as *to come*, and we believe in Christ as *already* come, and now in Heaven at the Right Hand of God, where he ever liveth to make Intercession.

Rom. 3. 22. 25. 4. 22. 24. *Heb.* 11. 13. 7. 25.

Question 10. *What is that* Faith *by which we come to Christ?*

Answer. Faith is a Grace wro't by the Spirit of GOD thro' his Word, in the heart of a poor Sinner, by which the Sinner is made to *renounce* all *Sin*, and other *Confidence*, and to *trust* to, and *rest* upon Christ *alone* for Salvation, whereby he is united to Christ, and so having the Son hath Life.

2 Cor. 4. 17. *Rom.* 10. 10, 17 *1 Thes.* 1. 5, 9. *Phil.* 3. 3, 8. *Eph.* 1. 13. 3. 17. *Joh.* 17. 20, 21. *1 John* 5. 12.

Question 11. *What accompanies the Souls believing in Christ?*

Answer. Every one that believes in Christ with the heart is *effectually call'd* by the Spirit of Christ, and so is *by* Faith a *Child* of God, *justified*, *adopted*, *sanctify'd*, and shall be *glorify'd*.

1 Cor. 1. 9. *2 Tim.* 1. 9. *John* 1. 12. *Gal.* 3. 26. *Rom.* 8. 2. 15. 30.

Question 12. *How is a Sinner* justify'd, *what's Justification?*

Answer. In *Justification* the Righteousness of Christ is by the Free Grace of God imputed to the believing Sinner, and *only* to him that believes, for which Suretiship-Righteousness all his Sins are *pardon'd*, and he is accounted *perfectly* righteous in the sight of God; and so being justified *by* faith, hath Peace with GOD. *The*

Rom. 3. 21. *to* 27 4. 23, 24. *Gal.* 2. 16. 3. 22, 23. *Acts* 13. 38, 39 *2 Cor.* 5. 21. *Isa.* 60. 21. *Rom* 5. 1. 19.

Question 13. *How are we* Adopted, *what is Adoption?*

Answer. In *Adoption* GOD by his free Grace takes the poor Sinner *out of* the sinful Family of the *First Adam*, and makes him a *Child* of God, and *Joint-heir* with Christ the *Second Adam*, his well-beloved Son, in whom he hath a right to *all* the Priviledges of the Sons of GOD.

Acts 26. 18. *Rom.* 8. 15. 17. *Gal.* 4. 7. *John* 1. 12. 1 *John* 3. 1, 2. *Matth.* 3. 17. 1 *Cor.* 3. 21, 23

Question 14. *How are Believers* sanctified, *what is Sanctification?*

Answer, In *Sanctification* the Holy Spirit restores the Image of GOD in the heart of a poor Sinner, making him a *New* Creature, renewing the Spirit of his Mind in all *Holiness*, and true *Righteousness*, to love God, to repent of all Sin by *loathing* it, and *turning* from it; and with the heart to obey the Law of God.

Rom. 8. 29. *Eph.* 4. 23 24. 2 *Cor.* 5. 17. 1 *Joh* 4. 19. 2 *Cor.* 7. 11. *Ezek.* 36. 31. *Rom.* 6. 17, 21, 22.

Question 15. *When are Believers* glorify'd, *what's Glorification?*

Answer; *Glorification* is the enjoyment of God for ever in Heaven, by them who have in this life done his *holy will*, whose *Souls* at death are made perfect in Holiness, and their *bodies* being rais'd in Glory at the great day, both Soul and Body shall be united, and they being openly acknowledg'd by Christ, shall be for ever with the Lord!

John 17. 5, 24. *Acts* 13. 36. 2 *Cor.* 5. 1, 2, 4. *Heb.* 2. 10. 1 *Cor.* 15 *chap.* *Phil.* 3. 21. *Matth.* 25. 34, *&c.* 1 *Thess.* 4. 17.

The

The Sixth *Leſſon.*

About the Law, *and the* Goſpel.

Queſtion 1.

HOW *ſhall we know the* whole *Will of God, that we may do it?*

Anſwer.

The whole Will of God is reveal'd in his *written Word*, containing all the Books of the *Old* and *New Teſtament*; the *Apocrypha* being to be rejected as profane, Old Wives Fables, which turn from the Truth: This Word is the perfect Rule, or *Canon*, which is able to make even a *Child* wiſe unto Salvation, through Faith which is in Jeſus Chriſt.

Hoſ. 8. 12.
Iſa. 8. 20.
Eph. 2. 20.
1 *Tim.* 4. 7.
Tit. 1. 14.
Gal. 6. 16.
2 *Tim.* 3. 15. 17.

Queſtion 2. *Why are the Scriptures call'd the* Old *and the* New *Teſtament?*

Anſwer. The Scriptures are call'd the *Old* and *New* Teſtament, as they *teſtifie* of the whole Will of God, both under the *firſt* Teſtament, or *Church-Covenant*, before Chriſt came in the Fleſh, and ſince under the *Second* Teſtament, or *Church-Covenant*, enlarg'd and renew'd by Chriſt, wherein,

Iſa. 8. 20.

Heb. 8. 6. to 13.

Col. 2. 14. 1*st*, All the outward *Levitical* Ceremonies in the *first* Church-Covenant are *taken* away.

Rom. 15. 8. 2*dly*, Yet all their Spiritual Priviledges in that Covenant are *confirm'd* to us and our *Seed*.

2 *Cor.*3. 7,11. 3*dly*, And glorious *Additions* are made of Gospel-Grace to the Church.

Question 3. *How shall we know the Scriptures of the* Old *and* New *Testament to be the Word of God?*

Mat. 16. 17. *John* 16. 3. 1 *John* 2. 20. ch. 5. 6. *Luke* 24. 32. 1 *Cor.* 2. 14. 2 *Pet.*1.19.21. *Answer.* The Scriptures of the *Old* and *New* Testament are *only* known aright to be the Word of God, by the witnessing of the Spirit of God in the Heart, to the Testimony which they give of their heavenly *Majesty*, and undoubted *Divinity*.

Question 4. *How shall we come to understand the Mind of God in his Word?*

1 *Tim.*4.13.15. *Acts* 37. 11. *John* 5. 39. *Ps.*119. 9, 18. *Eph.* 1. 17,18. 1*Cor.*2.12,13. *Answer.* We shall come to a *right* Understanding of the Mind of God in his Word, by diligent *reading*, *hearing*, *searching*, and *meditating* therein, with constant *Prayer* to God for Wisdom, *comparing* Scripture with Scripture by the help of the Holy Spirit.

Question

Queſtion 5. *But will not the Learning of Men help to underſtand the Word of God?*

Anſwer. A knowledge of the *Hebrew*, and the *Greek* Tongues, in which the Scriptures were *firſt* written, may be of uſe to underſtand the *Letter* of them; but *Philoſophy*, and other Learning puffs up, and leads from a dependance on the Spirit, who *only* can open our Underſtanding in the Scriptures.

Col. 2. 8.
1 *Cor.* 8. 1,2.
ch. 1. 19,21.
ch. 2. 4,10,11.
Luke 24. 45.

Queſtion 6. *What are the* chief *Parts of the Word of God?*

Anſwer. The whole Word of God may be divided into *Law* and *Goſpel*, both which are to be found both in the *Old* Teſtament, and in the *New*; the *Hiſtorical*, and every *other* part of the Word referring, and having a reſpect ſome way or other, either to *Law* or *Goſpel*.

Iſa. 8. 20.
with 1 *Cor.* 2. 1.
Luke 24. 27.
with *Act.* 10. 43
Gal. 3. 8, 10.
Pſal. 119. 96.

Queſtion 7. *What is the Law?*

Anſwer. The *Law* conſiſts of *all* the *Commands* and *Threatnings* in *all* the Bible, not only in the *Old* Teſtament, but in the *New* alſo, all which are briefly ſumm'd up in the *Ten* Commandments given by *Moſes*, and explained by *Chriſt*, his Apoſtles, and Prophets.

Pſal. 119. 96.
1 *Tim.* 1. 8, 9, 10.
Gal. 3. 10.
Exod. 20. all.
Mat. 5, 6, and 7 chap.

Question 8. *What is the Summ of the* Ten *Commandments?*

Eccles. 12. 13, *Deut.* 10. 12, 13. with *Mat.* 22. 37, 38, 39, 40. *Rom.* 13. 10.

Answer. The *Ten* Commandments briefly summ up our Duty to *God* and *Man*; all which are contained in these Words of our Saviour, Thou shalt love the *Lord* thy God with *all* thy Heart, and with *all* thy Soul, and with *all* thy Mind, and with *all* thy Strength; and thou shalt love thy *Neighbour* as thy self; for *Love* is the fulfilling of the Law.

Question 9. *How shall we aright understand the* Ten *Commandments?*

Answer. By knowing these *three* Things we may come to a good Understanding of the Commands:

Psal. 119. 128. *Deut.* 6. 13. with *Lev.* 26. 1.

1*st*, That every Command for *Duty* forbids the contrary *Sin*, and every Command which forbids *Sin*, obliges to the contrary *Duty*.

Rom. 7. 5, 7, 8, 14. *Mat.* 5. 21, 22, 27, 28. *Prov.* 24. 9. *Gen.* 6. 5. 2 *Cor.* 10. 5.

2. By knowing that every Command reacheth the *very Heart*, not only forbidding the outward Sin, and commanding outward Obedience, but even the Thoughts and Motions of Sin *within* us are forbidden, and the Obedience of *the Heart* is required therein.

1 *John* 3. 4. *James* 2. 10. *Mat.* 23. 23.

3. By considering that *any* Transgression of the Law, or the *least want* of whatsoever the Law requires is Sin.

Question

Queſtion 10. *Can any Man obey the Commandments* perfectly?

Anſwer. Thoſe that think the Law forbids only *outward* Sins, and know not the *Spirituality* of it, they think that they can perform *all*; but ſuch as feel that the Command reacheth the very *Heart*, forbidding every ſinful *Thought*, and commanding us even in our *Spirit* to fear God, they know, and are ſure, that no *meer Man* can perfectly keep the Law.

Mat. 19, 20. *Rom.* 7. 9, 10, 11. *Jer.* 4. 14. *Prov.* 23. 16. *Rom.* 3. 10, 20. *Eccl.* 7. 20.

Queſtion 11. *Why then were the Commands given by* Moſes, *if no Man can perfectly obey them?*

Anſwer. Moſes did not give the Law as a Covenant of Works, that we ſhould obey it for Life, but as a *Schoolmaſter* for *Three* Ends:

Gal. 3. 24.

1ſt, *To ſhew us our miſerable State by Nature*, that we are all Sinners againſt the holy Law of God. *Rom.* 3. 9, 19. chap. 7. 8.

2. *To make us deſpair of Salvation in our ſelves*, and to fly to Chriſt for help. *Rom.* 3. 19, 20. chap. 5. 20.

3. The Law was given as *a Rule of Life*, to order all our Converſation by at all times. *Pſal.* 119. 45, 105, 133.

And this is the *only* right Uſe of the Law. 1 *Tim.* 1. 8.

Queſtion.

Question 12. *What is the Gospel?*

Luke 2. 10,11. *Acts* 20. 24. *Rom.* 10. 15. with *Isa.* 52. 7. *Acts* 13. 23,39. chap. 3. 18.

Answer. The Gospel is the Glad Tidings of Salvation by Jesus Christ, containing *all* the free Promises and Invitations of Grace, whether in the *Old* Testament, or in the *New*.

Question 13. *But are not* Faith, Repentance, *and* Love, *the Commands of the Gospel?*

Acts 20. 24. 1 *Tim.* 1. 5,10. *Psal.* 19. 7,8,9. *Mat.* 22. 37, 40. *Mark* 1. 15. *Gal.* 3. 24.

Answer. The Gospel *strictly* taken for Glad Tidings of Salvation by Jesus Christ, hath *no* Commands; Faith, Repentance, Love, and *all* Duties whatsoever being commanded by the *Law*; yet in preaching the Gospel these Commands must be urg'd to lead to Christ.

Question 14. *But is not the Gospel a new Law, offering Salvation on the* easier *Terms of our* sincere Obedience?

Mat. 5. 17, 18, 19, 20. *Luke* 16. 17. *Phil.* 3. 9. *Gal.* 2. 16,21.

Answer. It is the Heresie of the *Papists*, and their *Followers*, to say, that the good old righteous Law of God is taken away, to make room for a *new Gospel Law* by our sincere Obedience whereto any can be sav'd; for if Righteousness comes by our Obedience to *any* Law, Christ is dead in vain.

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Queſtion 15. *But are not Faith, Repentance, and New Obedience reckoned for our Goſpel Righteouſneſs.*

Anſwer. The *only* Righteouſneſs for which a Sinner is ſav'd, is the Righteouſneſs of Chriſt receiv'd *by* Faith, and *imputed* to us; the *Act* of Faith doth not juſtifie, but Chriſt the *Object* by Faith apprehended, and reſted upon; and this *Faith* is ever accompanied with *true Repentance*, and *new Obedience*.

Gal. 2. 16. *Rom.* 3. 20, 21, 22. *Jer.* 23. 6. 1 *Cor.* 1. 30. 2 *Cor.* 7. 11. *Eph.* 4. 22, 24.

Queſtion 16. *Then thoſe that receive the Goſpel, are to do good Works?*

Anſwer. Thoſe that receive the Goſpel, ſhould be *careful* to maintain good Works, done from a *Principle* of Faith *unto* God's Glory; but *all Commands* for all good Works, with *all Threatnings* for the neglect thereof, are from the *Law*, which is the *Rule of Life* to all.

Tit. 2. 11, 12. 3. 8, 14. 1 *Cor.* 10. 31. 1 *Tim.* 1. 5, 8, 9. *Rom.* 7. 12, 22. 1 *Cor.* 9. 21. *Mat.* 5. 19.

Queſtion 17. *How ſhall we walk according to this Rule, that we may glorifie God?*

Anſwer. Chriſt hath ſet up his *Churches*, in which we ſhould walk blameleſs in *all* the Ordinances and Commands

1 *Pet.* 2. 3, 5, 9, 12. *Luke* 1. 6.

Mat. 12. 50.
Acts 2. 42.
11. 26.
Gal. 6. 16.
Mal. 4. 4.
2 *Cor.* 9. 13.

mands of God, not being *partial* in his Law, but esteeming the Commands as highly in the *Old* Testament as in the *New*, both being our Rule; and such only are call'd *Christians* in the Scripture, and to be accounted *visible Believers*, who *profess* their Subjection to Christ in his Church.

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The Seventh *Leſſon.*

About Glorifying *God in his* Churches.

Queſtion 1.

W*Hat is the* Church *of Chriſt?*

Anſwer.

The Church of Chriſt is *either*,

1*ſt*, The *Catholick* Church, conſiſting of *all*, and *only* the *Elect*, which is and will be inviſible till the Judgment-Day: Or — *Eph.* 1. 22,23. 5. 25,27. 2 *Theſ.* 2. 1.

2*dly*, The *viſible* Church, which conſiſted *firſt* in *Families*, then in the *whole Nation* of the *Jews*; and ſince Chriſt aſcended, it conſiſts in *particular Congregations*. — *Gen.* 17.7,10. *Acts* 7. 38. *Rev.* 1. 11.

Queſtion 2. *What makes a* Congregation *a true Church of Chriſt?*

Anſwer. More *generally*, and briefly *two* Things go to the due Conſtitution of every Church of Chriſt, Scripture *Faith*, and — *Col.* 2. 5,6.

and *Order*, without *both* which there can be *no* true Church: But more largely, and *particularly*, to the regular Constitution of every true Church, these * *Seven* things are necessary:

* *Prov.* 9. 1. These are the Churches *Seven* Pillars.

Right { Foundation, Matter, Form, Officers, Ordinances, Order, and Ends.

SECT. I.

Of the Right Foundation of a Church.

Question 3. *What is the Right* Foundation *of a Church of Christ?*

Answer. The right *Foundation* of every true Church, is the *Person* of Christ, the *Rock* of Ages, on whom the Church is built, according to the *Precepts* and *Practices* of the *Apostles* and *Prophets*; Christ *himself* being the *only* Support and *Head* thereof, on whom the Faith of the Church stands; and *all* other Foundations of Money, *Power*, and *Policy*, not being of God, will fall.

Mat. 16. 18. *Isa.* 26. 4. *Marg.* *Eph.* 2. 20. 2 *Pet.* 3. 2. *P* ſ 18. 22. *Col.* 2. 19. 1 *Pet.* 2. 4, 5. 1 *Cor.* 3. 11.

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SECT. II.

Of the right Matter of a Church.

Queſtion 4. *What is the right* Matter *of a Church of Chriſt?*

Anſwer. So many profeſſing Believers of *one* Mind, and *one* Judgment, with their immediate *Infant-Seed*, as can conveniently aſſemble together to worſhip in *one* place, and *no* more, are the only right *Matter* of a *viſible* Church of God; who loving the *Fathers*, choſe their *Children* after them; therefore the *Infant-Seed*, with Believers, ſtand in a Relation to God in his Church; for of *ſuch* is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Rom. 10.9,10. 1 *Cor.* 1. 10. 7. 14. *Jer.* 32. 39. *Deut.* 29. 10, 12. 1 *Cor.* 14. 23. and 11. 20. *Deut.* 4. 37. *Pſal.* 102. 27, 28. *Ezek.* 16. 20, 21. *Luke* 18. 16.

SECT. III.

Of the Right Form of a Church.

Queſt. 5. *What is the right* Form *of a Church of Chriſt?*

Anſwer. The only right *forming* of a Church is by *Covenant*, in which *all* do give up themſelves and their *Children* to the Lord, and to each other by his Will, to be the *Lord's People*, and to *walk* after him in *all* his ways; by ſuch a *Covenant* were

Pſal. 50. 5. *Deut.* 29. 1,9, 15. 2*Cor.*8.5.with 2*Chron.*23.16. and 34. 31.

Neh. 10.1,29. with *Act* 11.23. *Jer.* 50. 5. with *Act.* 9.26. *Heb.* 8. 6. 13. *Eph.* 4. 3. with *Ezek.* 20. 37. *Neh.* 9. 38. *Ezek.* 43. 11.

were the Churches both in the *Old* and in the *New* Teſtament form'd, call'd in God's Word the *Firſt* and *Second* Covenant, and this being the *Bond* of the Churches Peace, it is moſt expedient to have *written* in our ſight, that we may *keep* it, and *do* it.

SECT. IV.

Of the right Officers of a Church.

Queſt. 6. *Who are the right* Officers *of a Church of Chriſt?*

Phil. 1. 1.

Anſwer. Chriſt hath appointed for *each* Church only *two* ſorts of Officers,

A { Paſtor, and Deacon.

Eph. 4. 11. 1 *Pet.* 5. 2, 3. *Acts* 20. 28. 1 *Cor.* 12. 28.

1*ſt*, A **Paſtor**, or *Biſhop*, not to *Lord* over, but to feed, teach, and rule *that* Flock to which he is related: aſſiſted in his Work by *Elders*, if need be.

Acts 6. 2, 3. 1 *Tim.* 3. all.

2*d*, **Deacons** to take Care of the *outward* Affairs of the Church.

Acts 14. 23.

Theſe Officers to be *choſen* by the Church from among themſelves, and by them to be *ordain'd*, or ſet a part to their Work,

Work, with *Fasting* and *Praying*; without *laying on* of *Hands*; that *Ceremony* being *no* more to be us'd, than *washing* of Feet, or *anointing* with Oyl; because the glorious *Gifts* that once attended it, are long since ceas'd.

Profit not, 1 *Cor.* 12. 7. *Edifie not.* 1 *Cor.* 14. 12, 26

SECT. V.

Of the Right Ordinances of a Church.

Question 7. *What are the Right* Ordinances *of a Church of Christ?*

Answer. The Right *Ordinances* for the *Worship* of GOD in the Church are Eight; *Four* being more *general*, to be dispens'd every *first* day of the Week, in which all may join; And *four* more *special*, to be *confin'd* to, or kept within the *pale* of the *Church*, and dispens'd according to the *Months*.

Typify'd *Ezek.* 40. 39, 40, 41, 42. *chap.* 46. 3. *Ezek.* 47. 12.

Question 8. *What are the Four* general Ordinances *in which* all *may join?*

Answer. The Four *general* Ordinances are

Praise,
Prayer,
Preaching, And
Contribution.

Psal. 150. 6.
Eph. 5. 19.
Col. 3. 16.

1*st.* **Praise,** By singing *only* the *Psalms, Hymns* and *Songs* indited by the *Spirit,* and contain'd in the Scripture.

Psalm 65. 2.
Rom. 8. 26.
Matth. 6. 7,9.

2. **Prayer** By the help of the Spirit, without *humane forms,* according to the *Pattern* given by our Lord to his Disciples.

2 *Tim.* 4. 2.
Acts 28. 23.

3. **Preaching** By *rightly* dividing, expounding and applying the Scriptures of Truth.

1 *Cor.* 16.1,3.
Heb. 13. 16.

4. **Contribution** By *laying* by in Store, as God prospers *each Week,* to be Communicated at the Publick Gatherings.

Question 9. *What are the Four* special Ordinances *confin'd* only *to the Church?*

Matth. 7. 6.
Cant. 4. 12.
Matth. 16. 19.
Eph. 4. 11,16.
typify'd
*Eze.*46.21,24
Acts 20. 28.
1 *Pet.* 5. 2.

Answer. The four *special Ordinances* confin'd by Christ *within* the Pale of his Church, are the Two **Seals** call'd Sacraments; and the Two **Keys** of the Church; the *Seals* to be dispens'd to each Church by their *own Pastour only,* and the *Keys* by their *own Pastour* or *Elders.*

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Queſtion 10. *What are the* Seals *of the Church?*

Anſwer. The *Seals* of the Church are *Two*

Baptiſm,
And the
Lords Supper.

1*ſt.* **Baptiſm** for every Believer or Church-Member, and their immediate *infant-ſeed*, by *ſprinkling* or *pouring* Water *only* on the Face, in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *Act.* 2. 39,41. *chap.*16.15,33. *Iſa.* 44. 3. *Rev.* 14. 1. *Matth.* 28.19. *with Iſa.*52.15. 1*Cor.*10.1.2.

2. The **Lords Supper**, for ſuch *only* in a Church as can examine themſelves, wherein *Bread* and *Wine* is receiv'd, according to the *Inſtitution* of Chriſt by *all* the Church ſitting together in the *Evening* time. 1*Cor.*11. *chap.* 23*d verſe to the end.*

Queſtion 11. *How are* Baptiſm *and the* Lord's Supper *call'd* Seals?

Anſwer. Baptiſm and the *Lord's Supper* are *Seals* of the Covenant, (that is, of the *Church-Covenant*) as they Seal to *all* an *outward* relation in the Church; tho' to the *Elect only* they Seal Salvation : 1*Cor.*10.2,3,4

Gal. 3. 27.
1 *Cor.* 1. 2. & 7. 14. *with* 12. 12.
Heb. 12. 24.
Ezek. 36. 25.
1 *Pet.* 3. 21.

1*st*. **Baptiſm** Seals to *Church-Members*, and their Seed an *outward relation* to Chriſt in the *Church Covenant*; and to the *Elect* alſo their *ſaving-relation* to Chriſt by his Blood ſprinkled, And his Spirit *pour'd* upon them:

1*Cor.* 10. 16, 17 *and* 11. 26.
Luke 22. 19, 20.

2. The **Lords Supper** ſeals to *Church-Members*, their *outward Relation* to Chriſt in the Church; tho' *only* the *Elect* are ſeal'd to Salvation therein, by Chriſt's *Body* broken, and his *Blood* ſhed for them, *truſted* to by Faith, and *ſignify'd* by the Bread and Wine.

Queſtion 12. *What are the* Keys *of the Church?*

Matth. 18. 18.

Anſwer. The *Keys* committed by Chriſt to his Church are *two*,

Fellowſhip, And Cenſure.

Acts 2. 42.
Iſa. 26. 2.
Jer. 51. 10.
Pſal. 40. 9, 10. 66. 16.
Cor. 14. 12. 1 9, 31. 34.
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1*st*, **Fellowſhip**, in Church-Meetings, is the *Key* for *opening* the Door of the Church, to let in the *Righteous* that keep the Truth, in which their *Experiences* are given in to the Church, and the Brethren's *Gifts* are alſo exercis'd in *Praying*, and *Prophecying*.

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2. **Cenſure** is the *Key* to ſhut the Door of the Church upon Offenders, By **Admonition**, By **Withdrawing**, or By **Cutting off** in Excommunication, as the *Offence* doth require.

Matth. 11.15, 18.
1 *Theſſ.* 5. 14.
2 *Theſſ.* 3. 6.
1 *Cor.* 5. 4, 5.
Pſal. 149.6, 9.
Jude 22, 23.

SECT. VI.

Of the Right **Order** of a Church.

Queſtion 13. *What is the right* Order *of a Church of Chriſt?*

Anſwer. All the right *Order* of a Church muſt be taken from the written *Word* of God, *both* from the *Old* Teſtament and *New*, which *together* are the compleat Rule, and *Canon*, whereby *all* things muſt be order'd in the Church; and by this Rule, or *Canon*, of the *Prophets*, and *Apoſtles*, the *old* Teſtament and the *new*, the whole Iſrael of God muſt walk, as ever they'd have the Peace of God with them, therefore *all* Orders, Rules, and Canons given by Popes, Councils, or *any other whatſoever*, are *confuſion*, if not according to *this* Word.

Pſal. 119.128.
Gal. 6. 16.
with Mal. 4.6.
2 *Tim.* 3, 15, 17
Epheſ. 2. 20.
2 *Pet.* 3. 2.
Gal. 6. 16,
Iſa. 8. 20.
Matth. 15.9.
Zech. 7. 12.
Jer. 8. 8, 9.

SECT. VII.

Of the right Ends of a Church.

Queſtion 14. *What are the right* Ends *of a Church of Chriſt?*

Anſwer. The *Glory* of God, and the mutual *Edification* of his Saints, without *any* regard to human Intereſt, are the *only* right *Ends* all true Churches ſhould ſet before them; to advance which, 'tis the Duty of every one that hath Faith in the *Heart*, openly to profeſs a willing Subjection to Chriſt in his Church, ſo coming under the *Bond* of the Church-Covenant, they take the Father's *Mark* in the Forehead, and ſuch only are *viſible* Chriſtians, for he that is not *for* Chriſt by *open* Profeſſion, is *againſt* him.

Epheſ. 3. 21.
1 *Cor.* 14. 26.
Col. 2. 3, 4.
Phi. 2 5. 10, 11
Pſalm 110. 3.
Iſa. 45. 23.
with Rom. 14. 11.
Ezek. 20. 37.
Rev. 14. 1.
1 *John* 4. 3.
Matth. 12. 30.

Queſtion 15. *What* time *hath God allotted to his Church for worſhipping him?*

Anſwer. The Lord hath appointed in his word *one* Day in *ſeven* for his ſolemn Service: which Day before Chriſt's Reſurrection was the *laſt* Day of the Week, but is ſince by the Lord of the Sabbath chang'd to the *Firſt*-Day, in Scripture call'd the *Lord's-Day*, becauſe on that Day our Lord *reſted* from his work of Redemption, therefore all Chriſtians ſhould keep the *Lords-Day* as a holy *reſt* from Sin, by attending on Chriſt in his publick Worſhip, and *reſting* in his Grace.

Gen. 2. 3.
Exod. 20. 9, 10.
Matth. 12. 8.
Joh. 20. 19, 20.
Acts 20. 7.
Rev. 1. 10.
Pſal. 118. 24.
Heb. 4. 7. 11. *typiſy'd.*
Ezek. 43. 27. *and Numb.* 29. 35.

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Queſtion 16. *But is there no* other *time for worſhipping God in publick?*

Anſwer. The Lord hath commanded us to *redeem* the time, and to wait on him *out* of Seaſon as well as *in* Seaſon; therefore every good Chriſtian ſhould improve *all* Opportunities on *any* Day of the Week, for *hearing* the Word of God, and *worſhipping* him in the *Aſſemblies* of his Saints.

Epheſ. 5. 16. 2 *Tim.* 4. 2. *as Acts* 13. 42 *Margent.* *Prov.* 8. 34. *Pſal.* 84. 4, 10.

Queſtion 17. *But is a Chriſtian* only *to worſhip God in* publick?

Anſwer. GOD hath made it the Duty of *all* Men to *ſtudy* his holy Word, and to *pray* unto him in *ſecret*, as well as to *worſhip* him in *publick*; Therefore *Maſters* of Families, and *Parents* ſhould inſtruct their *Children* and *Servants* in the holy Fear of God, praying *daily* with their Families; for the *Curſe* of God reſteth upon *all* thoſe Families that Call not upon his Name.

John 5. 39. *Mat.* 6. 5, 6, 7. *Gen.* 18. 19. *Joſ.* 24. 15. *Eph.* 6. 4, 18. *figur'd* 1 *Chr.* 16. 40, 43 *Jer.* 10. 25.

Queſtion 18. *And ſhall* all *in Chriſt's viſible Church on* Earth, *be glorify'd in* Heaven?

Anſwer. There are in Chriſt's viſible Church *Two* ſorts of Worſhippers:

1*ſt.* Such as Worſhip God *hypocritically* in the outward only, who ſhall be caſt down into *Hell* as Deceivers of others, and their own Souls;

Ezek. 33. 31, 33. *Matth.* 24. 51.

2. Such as Worſhip God *uprightly*, with the *heart*, as well as *outwardly*, theſe ſhall be *glorify'd* with God for ever in Heaven.

John 4. 24. *Matth.* 25. 46. *John* 17. 24.

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Queſtion 19. *But* when *will the* difference *between the* good *and the* bad *appear?*

Anſwer. The Word of God declares that in the *latter* day Chriſt ſhall have a glorious Kingdom, call'd the *New Jeruſalem*, when Satan being Chain'd up a *Thouſand* Years, we ſhall diſcern between the *precious* and the *vile*; and *all* the Dead being *rais'd* in the day of *Judgment* ſhall be Sentenc'd by him; the *wicked* into Everlaſting Fire, with the *Devil* and his *Angels*; but the *righteous* he will receive into *Glory* with himſelf for ever, *AMEN!*

2 *Tim.* 4. 1. *Dan.* 2. 44. *Rev.* 21. 10. 20. 2. *Mal.* 3. 17, 18. 4. 1. 3. *Rev.* 20. 12, 13, 14. 2 *Cor.* 5. 10. *Math.* 13. 41, 43. 25. 31. *to end.*

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1 *John* 5. 21.

Little Children keep your ſelves from Idols. *Amen!*

2, 3 *John* 4.

I have no greater Joy, than to hear that *my Children* walk in Truth as We have receiv'd a Commandment from the Father.

Jude 24, 25.

Now unto him that is able to keep you from *falling*, and to preſent you *faultleſs* before the Preſence of his Glory with exceeding Joy. To the only wiſe God our Saviour, be Glory, and Majeſty, Dominion, and Power, both now and ever. *Amen.*

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